

Town Of Washington Selectmen's Meeting 10/18/2010

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:55. J. Huebner, S. Lennon and R. Borgnis present
2. Keith invited the Selectmen to visit the Transfer Station at 7:00 to review the lighting salutation R. Borgnis will contact WMECO regarding installing a street light on the existing pole.
3. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of \$25.00 from the Chapel commission from bottle and cans collection and \$140.00 from the building inspector.
4. Matt Thomas inquired into who he would contact in regards to installation of a propane tank at his new house construction on Frost Road. The Board referred him to Mark Levernoch the Gas and Plumbing Inspector.
5. Lisa Peltier informed the Board that a Conservation Commission Special Meeting Notice posted on the outside meeting board was moved and placed underneath a Finance Committee agenda. The Board hoped it was a mistake but if it happens again they will address it.
6. The Board review the Highway Department warrant with D. Fish, who stated that he resubmitting a chapter 90 bill as he received a phone call that the bill hasn't been paid. J. Huebner asked where does holiday hours show on the payroll submission. The eight hours of holiday pay was submitted separately as it's paid out of a different account.
7. T. Taylor from the Board of Assessor questioned the absence of a revolving account for the Building Inspector on the annual town meeting warrant. R. Borgnis explained that bills are paid out of a general fund now.
8. R. Borgnis entered into the record receipt of \$25.00 collected at the Transfer Station.
9. C. Willis informed the Board that the gates were locked preventing him access to his bow stand during hunting season. The Board informed C. Willis that the city of Pittsfield has been told not to lock the gates until the town determines what to do with them as the gates were installed without town permission. The Board will discuss the matter with V. Breen.
10. C. Willis asked that the potholes on Summit Hill Road be filled before winter. R. Spenser request the same of the potholes on Middlefield road as did S. Nelson about the potholes on Washington Mountain road near the entrance to the Appalachian trail. The Board asked D. Fish to fill the holes in Summit Hill road, Middlefield road and Washington Mountain road before winter.
11. The Board asked D. Fish if he had receive permits for beaver trapping from the Conservation Commission. L. Peltier needs to do a site visit before issuing the permit.
12. D. Fish informed the Board of the completion of the six month review for two highway department employees. The Board discussed the pay range. J. Huebner motioned to increase pay of the two highway employees to sixteen dollars per hour effective today. S. Lennon seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.
13. S. Nelson recapped the Massachusetts Broadband Institute plans for providing broadband to the middle mile and WiredWest objective to create a cooperative consisting of towns who elect to create a municipal light plant with a appointed cooperative representative. Details available at Wired-West.net. S. Nelson also submitted WiredWest recommended Warrant Article and informed the Board that the town's course of action has to be passed in two separate town meetings at least two months apart and the vote has to be a paper ballot by at least two third of those present in the meeting. The Board, S. Nelson and town residents K. Walls, K. Sharp and L. Larson discussed various aspects of the topic. S. Lennon will check with town counsel.
14. J. Huebner read the cover letter addressed to the Attorney General addressing the open meeting law violation complaint. J. Huebner motioned to file the response with copy of the complaints. S. Lennon seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.
15. J. Huebner asked the other selectmen for input on topics and submission to joint meeting with the

Planning Board agenda.

16. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter for an update on the annual town report. J. Hostetter has begun the process by emailing the town clerk to set up a meeting.
17. J. Huebner informed the board the Daniel Parnell has accepted the position of Accounting Officer. He will be on vacation returning November 1st. J. Huebner will contact VADAR on their availability and set up time with them and D. Parnell.
18. R. Spencer asked J. Huebner if in his past as Finance Committee member had filled out a year end financial report for home projects. J. Huebner advised R. Spencer to call and they will walk him through the form.
19. R. Borgnis stated that there is nothing new with the EEGBC
20. J. Huebner reported that he's been in contact with town counsel and the insurance carriers regarding town constable. There would be a large insurance savings if the town did not have constables. The Board along with C. Willis and R. Spencer discussed town constables. It was decided that this was a topic to discuss at the annual town meeting.
21. J. Huebner informed the board the he is now the alternate representative of Southern Berkshire Regional Caucus of the Metropolitan Planning Organization and that he will have to resign as TAC representative. R. Borgnis stated that we will need a new TAC representative. J. Huebner asked D. Fish if he would like to be the new Transportation representative. D. Fish will except the roll with the condition that a selectmen accompany him to the meetings.
22. J. Huebner informed the Board that he has been in contact with a representative from the USDA regarding the civil rights compliance package, which was received because the town received funding by the USDA for the town garage. J. Huebner read the conditions of compliance and with the assistance of D. Fish and J. Hostetter will execute the conditions.

New Business.

23. J. Huebner picked up the free scanner from BRP but it doesn't have a sell feed and will not be much help.
24. The Board informed V. Breen that they have received from a concerned citizen a complaint regarding the recently installed gates. The Board along with V. Breen, C. Willis, R. Spencer, D. Fish, Lyle, discussed the pro's and con's to having the gates and determined that mater should be decided by the town during the annual town meeting. R. Borgnis will draft a letter to Mayor and Ken Swale regarding the original five acre deal and the gate installation. J. Huebner motioned to have the gates installed by the city of Pittsfield chained open until further notice. S. Lennon seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.
25. J. Huebner read the MIIA cost savings to the town if 50% of the police force participates in viewing the reducing police vehicle collisions and obsessive use of force videos. V. Breen will inform the Board when that is complete.
26. J. Heubner asked if the Board member if they had any additions or revisions to this months submission to the track. None were mentioned.
27. R. Borgnis motioned to pay Mary Jane Dunlop for six and half hours of temporary service at the starting rate of seventeen dollars per hour. J. Huebner seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.
28. V. Breen informed the Board of his office hour change addition to the tracks.
29. R. Borgnis inform the Board that Brownfield Assessment program CRT submitted a questionnaire. J. Huebner requested copies.
30. J. Huebner moved to adjourn at 8:55. R. Borgnis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved: _____ Approved: _____ Approved: _____

Addendum to Minutes of 10/18/2010
Submitted by Rose Borgnis

1. Meeting came to order at 6:55

7. The Building Inspector is paid an hourly rate and all funds received by the building inspector go into the general fund, so there is no need for a revolving account.
14. Motion passed with R. Borgnis abstaining.
23. The scanner lacks a document feed – self feed .